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Re: Richard Alton Rye &
Valentin M. Ivanov
F.B.I. File No. ???

Attention: Director

STATEMENT & CONFESSION:

I, Richard Alton Rye, on my own volition do hereby confess to and redder to you my statement on the following, to Wit:

That on the night of February 4, 1959, I met Soviet Ecomic Attache Mssr. Valentin M. Ivanov at Union Station, Washington, D.C. for the express purpose of contacting Soviet Intelligence Officials to sell my weapons system to the Soviet Union and to offer my services to procure and transmit Top Secret Information on Nuclear Warhead and Missile data to agents of the Soviet Secret Police for money and in exchange for asylon if & when needed. The prededing was premediated, long and well thought out and planned on my part. As President of Alton Technology, Inc. of New York City, a scientific-technological research and development company with several hot projects including the weapons system, with many top level business, scientific, & technical information sources available to me I was in a position to quite easily seek out and procure valuable information on a number of subjects & fields from a number of very qualified sources who had confidence in me.

Subsequent to this meeting, and particularly the following year, I was able to successfully obtain a number of top level meetings with Nuclear Warhead and Missile Experts from the U.S. Air Force, Ballistics Missile Command at Inglewood, Calif., the U.S. Army Ballistics Missile Command at Huntsville, Ala. (in conjuction with), the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C., Emerson Research & Development Center at Silver Springs, Md. and other sources where I made presentations of my weapons system project and in so doing procured in the course of conversation and events much valuable and highly transmittable and negotiable top secret information on U.S. Nuclear Warhead and Missile design, development, future plans and capabilities. I was able to make these top level security penetrations very successfully even while and knowing that I was under Investigation by the F.B.I. for suspected espionage activities. I involved many top level persons in this activity including Military, Government, Business, Financial, & R & D reps.

At the conclusion of my meeting with Mssr. Ivanov on the night of February 4, 1959, he referred me to the Chief Engineer at the Soviet Amtorg Trading Corporation located at 355 Lexington Avenue, New York City, with his personal recommendation and arranged for a later meeting with him at an uptown East Side bar in N.Y.C. When I failed to keep either meeting because of my forced appearance for a trial in Minneapolis, Minn., agents of the Soviet Secret Police were dispatched to locate and contact me, which they did in Minneapolis in March 1959. Subsequently I and my wife were taken

into custody by the F.B.I., interrogated, and released conditionally and with orders to report our movements and any further contact attempts by Soviet Agents directly, personally, and immediately to the F.B.I., which we did not do. We in fact individually and collectively made many deliberately false and misleading statements to F.B.I. Agents interrogating us and otherwise withheld and concealed important and relevant facts and information since the Feb. 4th move had been well planned in advance.

My wife (Mrs. Judith Felice Frankenberg Rye, now residing with her parents in Forest Hills, New York as we are separated for nearly a year now) made the necessary preliminary arrangements for my meeting with Assn. Ivanov whom she knew previously via a mutual friend, Mrs. Helen Puzel Perkins of New York City, who was born in Russia, was a communist, and who had a lot of experience in espionage activity. My wife and her brother and his wife were and still are very friendly with Mrs. Perkins and her husband Tom, a former member of the Nazi Bund in England during World War II.

During the course of events relative to the preceding, I have reason to believe that members of the Soviet Secret Police procured a roll of 8mm Minox microfilm from my offices in New York City while I was in Minneapolis containing many shots of engineering blueprints of my weapons system project (Multi-Warhead-Missile application - Nuclear and non-Nuclear application) which showed the basic concept and design plus construction and application potential quite clearly. They may also have obtained photos of demonstration model prototypes which also clearly showed how it worked.

The U.S. Air Force Ballistics Missile Command meeting was held then on Friday, January 15, 1960 and was arranged with the help of Col. Vincent J. Adduci, then Legislative Consultant, Dept. of the Air Force, Office of the Chief of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. I met him via Miss Alice Joan Gilish Radcliff who for five years previous had been the mistress of Col. Elroy J. McCaw, U.S. Air Force and a close friend of Col. Adduci. I also later had assistance and obtained confidential information from Col. Adduci's office from his secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Corbett Blair of Washington, D.C. who became directly associated and involved with me and who was my mistress (with the knowledge and consent of my wife, Judith). At this time, Col. Adduci was Legislative Consultant to the Aerospace Industries Association then located in the Shoreham Bldg. in Washington, D.C. There were of course many other comparable top level persons involved in the overall project activity and company operation as well as on a personal basis such as Mrs. Blair who was involved in both.

On Sunday, 14 August 1960, the persona non grata declaration and expulsion of Assn. Ivanov, then First Secretary to the Soviet Embassy in Washington was played high wide and handsome via all media and listed as the most important and highest ranking soviet spy catch to date. I note no reference to the case has been made or can be found-anywhere -since. I also know that Ivanov is alive and well in Russia. In any event, I wish only to clear my conscience and the record as to what really happened and why, if that is possible. I regret my actions and do not expect to survive the consequences. Tell me where and when to report for my arrest and I'll be there. No manhunt will be necessary. I have taken the precaution of securing copies of this statement and supporting documentation with several sources I can trust, including outside of this country since I want all the facts to be made known and in anticipation of the confusion publicity will bring into the picture. Very sincerely,

Richard Alton Rye